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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

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1. EMBOFF CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON PUERTO RICO WITH MEA DIRECTOR VINAY VERMA ON AUG 25 DURING REVIEW OF COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. VERMA SAID HE THOUGHT THE UNITED STATES HAD NOTHING TO WG

RY ABOUT ON PUERTO RICO QUESTION IN COMMITTEE OF 24. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THE COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE UP THE QUESTION DURING THE WEEK OF AUG 30. VERMA UNDERSTANDS THAT COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN IS ABSENT FROM NEW YORK, AND DOUBTS THAT MEMBERS WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE UP ANY ONE OF SEVERAL SENSITIVE ISSUES, TIMOR, PUERTO RICO, ETC., UNDER THE AEGIS OF A VICE CHAIRMAN.

2. AS HE DID LAST YEAR, VERMA ADJURED US TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH INDIAN DELEGATION AT THE UN. HE SAID THAT GOI POSITION AT THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING WHEN INDIA FILED FORMAL WRITTEN RESERVATION ON PUERTO RICO AND OPPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION TEXT WAS BEST EVIDENCE HE COULD CITE OF GOI POSITION ON PUERTO RICO, BUT THAT TACTICAL VOTING AT NEW YORK WAS LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF INDIAN DELEGATION. THIS UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE OF USUN KEEPING
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ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS AS CUBANS DO, ADVISED VERMA.

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